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SUBJECT: ABDUCTION OF COLONEL MORGAN

REF: (A) BEIRUT 8494; (B) BEIRUT 8495

1. WE SHARE YOUR FRUSTRATION RE FURTHER ACTIONS US MIGHT TAKE AT THIS POINT TO ENHANCE PROSPECTS OF COLONEL MORGAN'S SAFE RELEASE. THERE APPEARS TO BE NO GOOD ALTERNATIVE AT MOMENT TO AWAITING RESULTS OF CONTACTS GOL HAS INITIATED, AS COLONEL BOUSTANY SUGGESTED, LEAVING GOL ESSENTIALLY ALONE TO PURSUE APPROACHES IT CONSIDERS MOST LIKELY TO BE PRODUCTIVE. AS YOU HAVE CORRECTLY EMPHASIZED TO GOL, US DOES NOT PAY MONETARY RANSOM AND PROVISION OF SUPPLIES AND MATERIALS WOULD SIMPLY BE RANSOM IN ANOTHER FORM. THE

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PRINCIPLE IS THE SAME.

2. AS REGARDS YOUR TENTATIVELY PROPOSED ACTIONS SUB-PARA 11 (A) AND (B) OF REF A, WE ARE CONTINUING IN RESPONSE TO

PRESS QUERIES HERE TO STRESS GOL RESPONSIBILITY AND FACT
GOL IS DEALING WITH PROBLEM. FOR THE PRESENT WE BELIEVE
THIS IS ALL THE PRESS SHOULD BE TOLD, AND THAT IN BEIRUT AS
WELL AS OTHER CAPITALS ALL PRESS QUERIES SHOULD BE MET

BY REFERENCE TO STATEMENTS BY DEPARTMENT PRESS OFFICE.
RE PARA 11 (B), WE ARE MEETING ALL QUERIES CONCERNING US
RANSOM POLICY WITH RESPONSE THAT THIS POLICY IS WELL
KNOWN AND WE SEE NO NEED TO REPEAT IT. WE BELIEVE THAT
PUBLIC REITERATION OF OUR NO-RANSOM POLICY WHILE COLONEL
MORGAN REMAINS CAPTIVE WOULD SERVE NO USEFUL PURPOSE AND
COULD ADD TO DANGERS FACING HIM.

3. YOUR FURTHER NEWS AND RECOMMENDATIONS EAGERLY AWAITED.

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